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#### Mason County Central School District



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From:

Debra Thomas,

Director of Technology

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Date: 9/11/2003

Re: Docket No 02-6

CC:

Attached you will find a "Request for Waiver" for the following:

Applicant Name: Mason County Central School District

Form 471 Application Number: 322230

Billed Entity Number: 131560

FRN: 858159, 858666, 858727, 858795, 858849, 858890, 858990, 859044

Funding Year: 2003

Contact Name: Debra Thomas, Technology Director

Phone: 231-757-5720

E-mail: dthomas@mccschools.com

Attachments:

Jeff Wykes Letter (Item A)

Appeal Letter of March 14, 2003 (Item B)

Kris Courtland-Willick Letter (Item C)

Mason County Central School District 2002-2003 Budget

Information (Item D)

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September 10, 2003

"Request for Waiver"

445 - 12m Street, SW Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission

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needed to pay our portion of the charges. demonstrate that when we filed our Form 471 that we had secured access to the funds Resources. The report stated that during the application review, we were unable to This is a Request for Waiver on our Funding Year 2003 Form 471 Insufficient Support

October 15, 2002. Wykes. Mr. Wykes assures us he then forwarded that information to Mr. Ken Colliss on 2002 we immediately sent the appropriate information over to our consultant, Mr. Jeff 2003 budget documentation. Upon receiving the SLD's budget request on October 8, basic telecommunications services because the SLD did not receive our district's 2002-The USAC Appeal Decision, dated July 14, 2003, states we were denied our request for

Clearly there has been a communication issue between Mr. Wykes and Mr. Colliss. response to the request by Mr. Colliss regarding our 2002-2003 budget information. Attached you will find a letter (Item A) from Mr. Wykes confirming his actions in

referenced in this cover letter were attached at that time and labeled Items A  $\propto B$ . requested. In fact, to date we are paying 100% of the services in question." Both budgets Both budgets clearly showed ample amounts to cover our portion of the services 2002 and 2002-2003 budgets to Mr. Ken Colliss in October of 2002 (See Items A & B). "Indeed, we did secure funds for the 2002 funding year. We faxed a copy of our 2001-As Mr. Wykes stated in our March 14, 2003 appeal (also attached and labeled Item B),

letter, labeled Item C. This can be attested to by our Business Manager, Kris Courtland-Willick, in the attached order to receive approval for reimbursement for our basic telecommunications services. Fund Program. We have responded to all requests for information in a timely manner in Historically, we have complied with all rules and regulations of the Universal Service

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Mason County Central Schools is an economically deprived district evidenced by the fact that our county has had the highest unemployment rate in the state over the last several months. Most recently we have lost over 300 jobs due to factory closings and/or downsizing. Many of the buildings within our district have a free and reduced lunch rate of over 50%. Coupled with Executive Order cuts by the State, the loss of \$69,000 is very detrimental to our district.

We believe it to be in the public interest and Mason County Central School District that you grant us a waiver for this filing deadline. From our perspective and understanding of the process, we have been thorough in our planning and timely in meeting established deadlines.

We are asking that you review the attached information and grant us this waiver. We are attaching the 2002-2003 Budget information, labeled Item D.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please refer them to our contact person, Debra Thomas, Technology Director. She can be reached at 231-757-5720 or <a href="mailto:dthomas@mccschools.com">dthomas@mccschools.com</a>. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Sandro Superintendent

Enclosures:

Jeff Wykes Letter (Item A)

Appeal Letter of March 14, 2003 (Item B)

Kris Courtland-Willick Letter (Item C)

Mason County Central School District 2002-2003 Budget Information

(Item D)

Phoenix Educational, Inc. P.O. Box 901 Ludington, MI 49431 Telephone: (231) 845-7943 FAX: (231) 845-0711

September 9, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Phoenix Educational, Inc. has provided E-rate consultation to Mason County Central (MCC) Schools since the Universal Service Fund's inception in 1998.

As part of our consultation services, I provided to Mr. Ken Colliss a copy of Mason County Central's 2002-2003 budget via facsimile as requested during the Item 25 review.

The fax cover sheet that I used to send the 2002-2003 budget was an old cover sheet that I had used previously and still contained a reference to the 2001-2002 budget. In reality, the budget pages that were faxed to Mr. Colliss did contain the 2002-2003 budget.

During the time of this budget request I was dealing with health issues which required me to be medicated. The fact that the fax cover did not acuratly describe the contents of the subsequent pages, I feel, may have been due to my impaired mental and physical state at the time.

Mason County Central was not aware of my condition. I petition the FCC to consider these extenuating circumstances and to grant a waiver allowing the district to supplement its original filing. I feel Mason County Central should not be penalized for this set of circumstances.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wykes

ITEMB

14-March-2003

Letter of Appeal Schools and Library Division Box 125-Correspondence Unit 80 South Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981

#### From:

Mason County Central School District 300 W. Broadway Scottville, MI 49454

Phone: 231-757-3733 Fax: 231-757-5716

Contact: Jeff Wykes E-mail: jwykes@phoenixed.com Mason County Central School District BEN: 131560

This is a letter of appeal regarding:

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858159

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858666

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858727

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858795

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858849

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858890

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 858990

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

Funding Request Number: 859044

Form 471 Application Number: 0000322230

This is a Letter of Appeal for the 2002 Funding Year (Year 5). We are appealing the cancellation of the above funding requests by the SLD cited in the Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated January 27, 2003. According to the SLD, the reason that the funding requests were canceled, was that "During the application review, you were asked to demonstrate that when you filed your Form 471 you had secured access to the funds needed to pay your portion of the charges, and you were unable to do".

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Indeed, we did secure funds for the 2002 funding year. We faxed a copy of our 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 budgets to Mr. Ken Colliss in October of 2002 (See Items A &B). Both budgets clearly showed ample amounts to cover our portion of the services requested. In fact, to date we are paying 100% of the services in question.

For Funding Year 5 the total pre-discount amount for all services requested was \$98,748.24. Our portion of that amount, figuring a 70% discount, is \$29,624.47. The 2002-2003 budget that was faxed to Mr. Colliss clearly shows that we secured funds totaling \$70,986.00.

We are believe that the SLD was in error to cancel these funding requests. We have been an active participant in this program from it's inception and are aware of our financial obligation. We feel that we provided the appropriate documentation necessary to prove that. Furthermore, the services that we are requesting are for necessities like phone and internet access and not internal Connections.

For these reasons we petition the SLD to fund our canceled funding requests. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wykes

Jeff Wykes

E-rate Coordinator

Mason County Central Schools

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Charles E Sandro, Superintendent Kristie Courtland-Willick, Business Manager Robert D'Agostino, Dir. Community Ed. Consortium

Jack Murchie. High School Principal Jeffrey Mount, Middle School Principal Sherryl Martin, Riverton Elementary Principal Trent Naumcheff, Scottville Elementary Principal Diane Tammens, Victory Elementary Principal

September 10, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Kristie Courtland-Willick, Business Manager of Mason County Central Schools wish to certify that all correspondence directed to me by the SLD was faxed in a timely manner to Jeff Wykes of Phoenix Educational, Inc. (usually on the same day as when received via US mail). Additionally, any requests for information from Mr. Wykes as related to SLD filing of forms or questions were also provided to him in a timely manner (usually the same day).

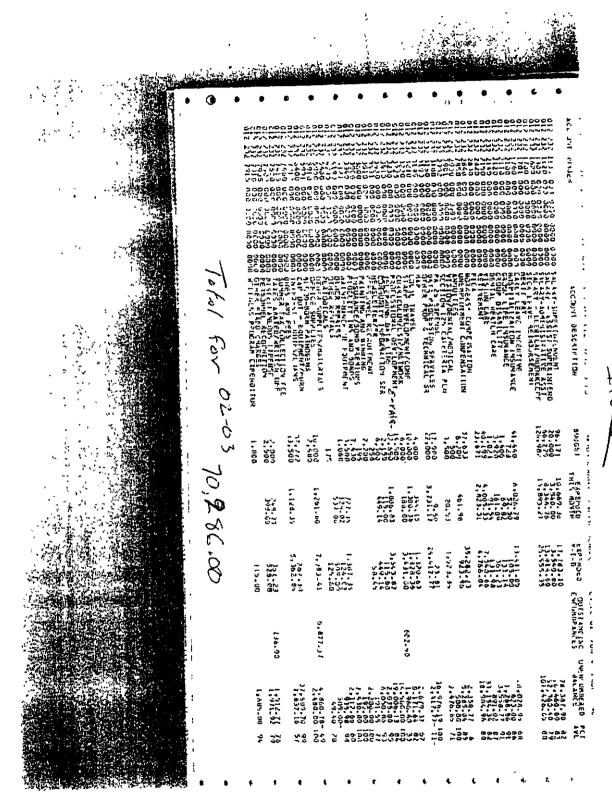
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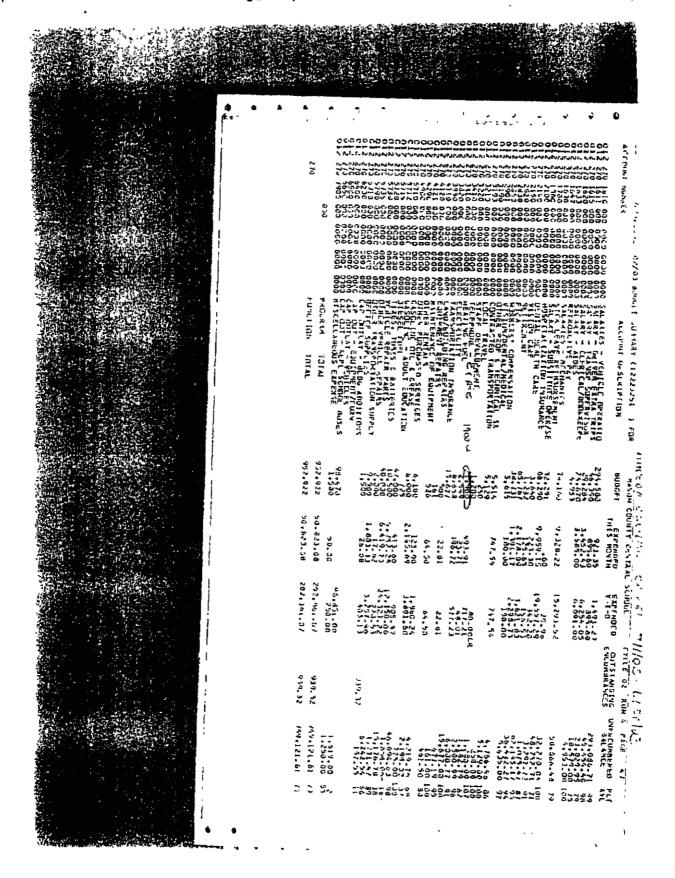
Kristie Courtland-Willick

**Business Manager** 

Sincerely,



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